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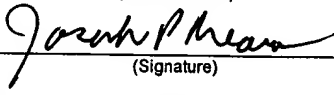
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the first month is \$55.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$55.00 and any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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